appearing in Hindustan Times dated 21st June, 2002 under the caption, "IAS Lobby changing guidelines to get overseas Tourism Ministry jobs";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the report which besides affecting adversely the career prospects of the departmental professions, are a defeating the very prospects of improving tourism which is suffering from one of the worst recessions in recent times?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism had framed reveised guidelines enhancing the zone of consideration. The new guidelines are more rigorous that earlier guidelines as the taking into cognizance of competitive nature of global tourism market and accordingly give weightage *inter alia* to managerial abilities, verbal and written communication skills, knowledge of Indian tourism product, knowledge of global tourism scenario knowledge of administration, financial skills and knowledge of computers. The rationale behind revised guidelines is to select the best and brightest officers for posting overseas tourist offices who can aggressively market the rich cultural, spiritual and natural tourism products of India.

It is not true that the career prospects of Departmental Tourism Officer are being affected adversely since foreign posting are not promotional postings but are selection postings.

Funds for Development of Tourism

1464. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to promote and develop tourism sector in the country;

(b) the details of funds allocated and actually granted to the various States for promotion and development of tourism infrastructure during the last two years and till date;

(c) whether the funds allocated for the States have been utilized during this period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India has proposed to introduce following new schemes for the year 2002-03 for development and promotion of tourism;

(i) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

(iv) Capacity Buildings for Service Provider

(b) During the last two years *i.e.* 2000-01 and 2001-02, 573 tourism projects amounting to Rs. 142.28 crores have been sanctioned to various States and Rs: 59.46 crores have already been released for development and promotion of tourism.

(c) and (d) State Government are required to complete the projects within the stipulated period of 30 months from the date of sanction of projects.

Appointment of professors in IGNCA

†1465. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Departments functioning in Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, norms set for the qualification of Heads of the Departments and whether the Heads of the Departments of the Centre belong to the same Department;

(b) whether all the Departments do not have professors, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the grounds on which and under whose orders the professors incharge of Kala Kosh Vibhag and Janasampada Vibhag were removed; and

(d) by when Government would appoint the departmental professors for artistic activities of the centre and for smooth functioning of all the Departments?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.